



The Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter

Te whare karakia matua o Pita Tapu ki Waikato



Choral Evensong

27 July 2025

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5.00pm

Officiant:

The Rev'd Peter Lord Cowell

Welcome

Liturgy from *Book of Common Prayer 1662*

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Responses: Nardone

Canticles: *Dyson in D*

Hymn

— 1 —

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.

*Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

— 3 —

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n.

— 2 —

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.

— 4 —

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Introduction and Confession

(please remain standing / e tū tonu tātou)

○ worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Psalms 96.9

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

(please kneel or sit / e noho, e tūturi rānei tātou) (All saying)

Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cantor: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Response: **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

Cantor: O God, make speed to save us.

Response: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

(Here, all standing up, / Ka tū te katoa)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;

Response: **As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Cantor: Praise ye the Lord.

Response: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Psalm 88



- 1 O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and ' night be'fore thee :
O let my prayer enter into thy presence, incline thine ' ear ' unto my ' calling.
- 2 For my soul is ' full of ' trouble :
and my life draweth ' nigh ' unto ' hell.
- 3 I am counted as one of them that go down ' into the ' pit :
and I have been even as a ' man that ' hath no ' strength.
- 4 Free among the dead, like unto them that are wounded and ' lie in the ' grave :
who are out of remembrance, and are ' cut a'way from thy ' hand.
- 5 Thou hast laid me in the ' lowest ' pit :
in a place of ' darkness and ' in the ' deep.
- 6 Thine indignation lieth ' hard up'on me :
thou hast ' vexed me with ' all thy ' storms.
- 7 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance ' far ' from me :
and made me to ' be ab'hor-red ' of them.
- 8 I am so ' fast in ' prison :
that I ' cannot ' get ' forth.
- 9 My sight faileth for ' very ' trouble :
Lord I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched forth my ' hands ' unto ' thee.
- 10 Dost thou shew wonders a'mong the ' dead :
or shall the dead rise ' up a'gain and ' praise thee?

- 11 Shall thy loving-kindness be shewed ' in the ' grave :
or thy ' faithfulness ' in de'struction?
- 12 Shall thy wondrous works be known ' in the ' dark :
and thy righteousness in the land where ' all things ' are
for'gotten?
- 13 Unto thee have I ' cried O ' Lord :
and early shall my ' prayer ' come be'fore thee.
- 14 Lord, why abhorrest ' thou my ' soul :
and hidest ' thou thy ' face ' from me?
- 15 I am in misery, and like unto him that is at the ' point to die : even
from my youth up thy terrors have I suffered ' with a ' troubled '
mind.
- 16 Thy wrathful displeasure ' goeth ' over me :
and the ' fear of thee ' hath un'done me.
- 17 They came round about me ' daily like ' water :
and compassed me to'gether on ' every ' side.
- 18 My lovers and friends hast thou ' put a'way from me :
and hid mine ac'quaintance ' out of my sight.

**Glory to the Father and ' to the ' Son:
and ' to the ' Holy ' Spirit;
as it was in the be'ginning . is ' now:
and shall be for ' ever. ' A- ' men.**

The First Lesson (*please sit / e noho tātou*)

Here beginneth the first verse of the forty-second chapter of the book Genesis (42:1-25)

When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, 'Why do you keep looking at one another? I have heard', he said, 'that there is grain in Egypt; go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die.' So ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he feared that harm might come to him. Thus the sons of Israel were among the other people who came to buy grain, for the famine had reached the land of Canaan.

Now Joseph was governor over the land; it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. When Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke harshly to them. 'Where do you come from?' he said. They said, 'From the land of Canaan, to buy food.' Although Joseph had recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him. Joseph also remembered the dreams that he had dreamed about them. He said to them, 'You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land!' They said to him, 'No, my lord; your servants have come to buy food. We are all sons of one man; we are honest men; your servants have never been spies.' But he said to them, 'No, you have come to see the nakedness of the land!' They said, 'We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of a certain man in the land of Canaan; the youngest, however, is now with our father, and one is no more.' But Joseph said to them, 'It is just as I have said to you; you are spies! Here is how you shall be tested: as Pharaoh lives, you shall not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here! Let one of you go and bring your brother, while the rest of you remain in prison, in order that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you; or else, as Pharaoh lives, surely you are spies.' And he put them all together in prison for three days.

On the third day Joseph said to them, 'Do this and you will live, for I fear God: if you are honest men, let one of your brothers stay here where you are imprisoned. The rest of you shall go and carry grain for the famine of your households, and bring your youngest brother to me. Thus your words will be verified, and you shall not die.' And they agreed to do so. They said to one another, 'Alas, we are paying the penalty for what we did to our brother; we saw his anguish when he pleaded with us, but we would not listen. That is why this anguish has come upon us.' Then Reuben answered them, 'Did I not tell you not to wrong the boy? But you would not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood.' They did not know that Joseph understood them, since he spoke with them through an interpreter. He turned away from them and wept; then he returned and spoke to them. And he picked out Simeon and had him bound before their eyes. Joseph then gave orders to fill their bags with grain, to return every man's money to his sack, and to give them provisions for their journey. This was done for them.

[Translation – New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised)]

Here endeth the first lesson.

Magnificat (*please stand / e tū tātou*)

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and ' to the ' Son
and ' to the ' Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ' ever ' shall be :
world without ' end. A'men

The Second Lesson (*please sit / e noho tātou*)

Here beginneth the first verse of the tenth chapter of the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (*10:1-24*)

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Therefore, my dear friends, flee from the worship of idols. I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Consider the people of Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices partners in the altar? What do I imply then? That food sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be partners with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Or are we provoking the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

'All things are lawful', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful', but not all things build up. Do not seek your own advantage, but that of others. [NRSVA]

Here endeth the second lesson.

Nunc Dimittis (*please stand / e tū tātou*)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen :
thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared :
before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and ' to the ' Son
and ' to the ' Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning is now and ' ever ' shall be :
world without ' end. A'men

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholick Church; the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Cantor: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with thy spirit.**

Cantor: Let us pray.

(please kneel or sit / e noho, e tūturi rānei tātou)

Cantor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Response: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Cantor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Response: **Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Cantor: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Response: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Cantor: O Lord, save the King.

Response: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Cantor: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Response: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Cantor: O Lord, save thy people.

Response: **And bless thine inheritance.**

Cantor: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Response: **Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.**

Cantor: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Response: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Collects

The Collect for the fifth Sunday after Trinity

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Collect for aid against all perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(please sit / e noho tātou)

Anthem: I waited on the Lord – Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The Prayers

Hymn *(please stand / e tū tātou)*

— 1 —

Blest Creator of the light,
making day with radiance bright,
thou didst o'er the forming earth
give the golden light its birth.

— 3 —

May we ne'er by guilt depressed
lose the way to endless rest;
nor with idle thoughts and vain
bind our souls to earth again.

— 2 —

Thou didst mark the night from day
with the dawn's first piercing ray;
darkness now is drawing nigh;
listen to our humble cry.

— 4 —

Rather may we heav'nward rise
where eternal treasure lies;
purified by grace within,
hating ev'ry deed of sin.

— 5 —

Holy Father, hear our cry,
through thy Son our Lord most high,
whom our thankful hearts adore
with the Spirit evermore.

'Lucis Creator Optime' trans. unknown

The Blessing

Voluntary Le Jardin Suspendu. *"The hanging garden is the artist's vision of perfection, eternally sought after yet fleeting; it is a place of refuge, inaccessible and impregnable".*

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

Cantata Vespers - Third Saturday of the month
Next Vespers: 16 August 2025 at 5.00pm

Choral Evensong - Fourth Sunday of the month
Next Evensong: 24 August 2025 at 5.00pm

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